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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(i)**

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to Rule 56, applicant hereby calls the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

The accompanying Form PTO-1449 cites items that were cited in a search report issued by the Japanese Patent Office on June 10, 2005 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-373408, a copy of which is also provided and is also cited on the accompanying PTO-1449. For each Japanese Patent Application, an English Languages Abstract is provided. For JPA 06-046212, corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,289,000 is also provided.

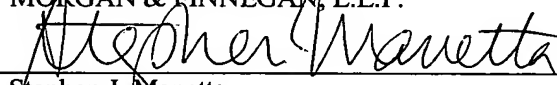
A Notice of Allowance was issued in this case on September 21, 2005. The issue fee has not yet been paid and is due December 21, 2005. Accordingly, as of the filing of this paper, the patent has not been issued. As such, this document is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(i). Applicants believe the current claims of the present invention as allowed are patentably distinct from the references cited herein. Applicants respectfully request this Information Disclosure Statement being placed in the file record.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 Order No. 1232-4787.

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